

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 7, 2016

*"Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam;
so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out."*

Proverbs 17:14

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 118:26-29*

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

***BE THOU MY VISION** - *Hymn #642*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Call to
Worship**
Worship begins
with God who
invites us and
welcomes us
into his pres-
ence. Because
of Christ, we
can approach
God with
boldness even
though we are
sinful and
weak.

**Indicates when to stand.*

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*BY THY MERCY

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven your gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

(Chorus)

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

(Chorus)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

(Chorus 2x)

***OH WHY SO HEAVY OH MY SOUL?**

Oh why so heavy, oh my soul? Thus to myself I've willed
Oh why so heavy, oh my heart? And so sorrow filled?

(Chorus)

*Hope thou in God, He still shall be thy glory and thy endless praise
His saving grace shall comfort thee through everlasting days.*

His goodness made thee what thou art and yet will he redeem
Oh be thou of a contrite heart and put your trust in him

(Chorus 2x)

Oh why so heavy, oh my soul?

**Call to
Confession**

We all sin daily,
in thought and
word and deed.

As we come
into God's
presence, we
acknowledge
how we have
rebelled against
our King and
seek his
forgiveness.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Psalm 95:8-11

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

All: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his ways, O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. *(adapted from Daniel 9)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Jeremiah 23:5-6*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION: *Ephesians 2:8-10*

All: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*HOUSE OF GOD FOREVER (PSALM 23)

God is my shepherd, I won't be wanting, I won't be wanting
He makes me rest, in fields of green, with quiet streams

Even though I walk, through the valley, of death and dying
I will not fear, cause you are with me, you are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me, you are my feast

In the presence of enemies

Surely goodness will follow me, follow me

In the house of God forever

(repeat)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)

Offering

We give back to
God a portion of
what he has
given us to use
to declare that
he is Lord of all.
(This is part of
our service as a
church family,
and visitors
should not feel
obligated to
participate.)

OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

Summer Psalms and Proverbs: Who Am I Becoming?
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Character and Conflict - Proverbs 17:14; 18:19 (ESV)

Proverbs 17:14

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Proverbs 18:18-19

¹⁸ The lot puts an end to quarrels and decides between powerful contenders.

¹⁹ A brother offended is more unyielding than a strong city,
and quarreling is like the bars of a castle

Proverbs 3:30

Do not contend with a man for no reason, when he has done you no harm.

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

Proverbs 15:18

A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention.

Proverbs 22:10

Drive out a scoffer, and strife will go out, and quarreling and abuse will cease.

Proverbs 19:11

Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 20:3

It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife, but every fool will be quarreling.

Proverbs 26:20-21

²⁰ For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer,
quarreling ceases.

²¹ As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,
so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.

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Titus 3:9-11

⁹ But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰ As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, ¹¹ knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

Sermon Outline

I. Conducting conflict

II. Conflict as a mirror of the heart

Sermon Questions For Further Reflection

1. Dealing with conflict provides a mirror of our character. Give an honest assessment of how you deal with conflict with others? What is commendable? What needs improved?
2. Consider: “One provoking word brings on another. Every retort widens the breach. Seldom, when we have heard the first word, do we hear the last.” — Charles Bridges. How can you help bridge the gap at the beginning of a conflict before it gets worse?
3. Consider: “But I think it is best not to dispute when there is no probability of convincing.” — George Whitefield. Conflict at times may be necessary, yet what is wise about this advice? (cf. Mat 7:6)
4. In the vast majority of conflicts, little good results. Biblically speaking, what are some ways that might help?
5. Consider: “There are people – and most of these people probably know and if they don’t they should know who they are – who should never involve themselves in controversy because they haven’t the characters for it.” — Robert Rayburn. Where does this comment hit you?
6. A Christ-like willingness to accurately hear another’s position must be a part of how we enter into a disagreement. What prevents this in your own heart? What are ways to work against this sinful disposition?

Sermon

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

*BLESS THE LORD (10,000 REASONS)

(Chorus)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, –
let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing; –
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending, –
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

The Lord's Supper

The gospel is
not only heard,
but visibly seen
as God invites
us to commune
with him at his
table. In the
Lord's Supper
we remember
and experience
Jesus' saving
work.

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed each Lord's Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

(Chorus)

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow.

(Chorus)

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

(Chorus)

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through your selfless love.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*BENEDICTION

Benediction

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (Nursery)

Elders: Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson,

Jan Wassink Deacons: Buford Bennett, Ike Eisentraut, Terry Falk,

Micah Hill, Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Alethia Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Scott Keller

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for David and Ulrike
Byle with Operation Mobilization in Istanbul, Turkey.

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaco-
nal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the
Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

LADIES' SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Ladies are invited to our next book club get to-
gether Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. in the church library to discuss "The Guernsey
Library and Potato Peel Pie Society." For details, contact the office (752-2400).

TAKE A HIKE! Sandy Johnson is leading two more hikes in August - Morningstar Lake
in Glacier on Wednesday, Aug. 17, and Turquoise Lake in the Missions Saturday,
Aug. 20. Contact Sandy for details (471-6620).

CHURCH FAMILY CAMPOUT: Ready for a campout under the stars with your
church family? Plan on joining us August 26-27 at Tally Lake! Sign up in the foyer -
cost is free but you provide your own food & gear. Contact the office for details.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those volunteering with
Feed the Flathead will serve next on **TUESDAY, AUG. 23**, at Central Christian
Church. They are in need of four crockpots of pulled pork, rolls, coleslaw and dessert
for 50. If you can contribute, please contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LUNCH PROVIDER: Support Habitat for Humanity
by providing lunch for volunteers this summer and fall. Groups average 15 people on
Wednesdays, Fridays or Saturdays. Bring lunch just once or once a week! Sign up in
the church foyer and they will contact you about scheduling a date.

SERVING: August Deacon: Micah Hill

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Jim & Ellen Rowe/Sandy & Gloria Johnson

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Infant Nursery: H. Hansons/Abneys

Toddler Nursery: J. Thompsons/Wrights

Fellowship Hosts: Kelly Brown & Audrey Goodell

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday - August 14th

Ushers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED/Sandy & Gloria Johnson

Children's Church: Dar Wassink & Grace Anderson

Infant Nursery: Bennetts/Uzzis

Toddler Nursery: Olmsteds/Dyes

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon Salyer & Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Diane Nugent

Summer Worship Services

Sundays 9 & 11 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

College Summer Group

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Trustees

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Elizabeth Women

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon